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John Shages
Assistant Secretary for Petroleum Reserves
Department of Energy (FE-40)
1000 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20585

Dear Mr. Shages:

Pursuant to Title III, Section 303 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005, please let this letter serve as official notice that the State of Louisiana proposes that the Bayou Choctaw, West Hackberry, Clovelly and Chacahoula sites, previously studied by the Secretary of the Department of Energy, be considered as possible locations for the expansion of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve. The State of Louisiana currently serves as a host for a number of sites for the Strategic Petroleum Reserve and I believe the resources and experience of the State would make it an excellent location in which to expand the Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Scott Kirkpatrick in my policy office at (225) 342-0410.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Governor

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c: Dane Revette, Louisiana Economic Development
Scott Angelle, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources